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**"Methods and Kits for Detecting Target Nucleic Acids Using Modified Oligonucleotide Probes":**

the specification of which

**[X] is attached hereto.**

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application:

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

Priority Claimed

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Date first Laid Open or Published	Date Patented/Granted	Yes	No
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**PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL, NON-PROVISIONAL AND/OR PCT APPLICATION(S)**

Priority Claimed

60/021,818	16 July 1996	Abandoned	X	
Application Serial No.	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status - patented, pending, abandoned	Yes	No
08/893,300	15 July 1997	Pending	X	
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## TITLE

Modified oligonucleotides and methods for determining the presence of a nucleic acid analyte in a sample

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